

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Room 414/416, State Capitol
Wednesday, February 5, 2003**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Dan Eastman, Co-Chair
Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair
Sen. Dave Thomas
Sen. Michael Waddoups
Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. Ann W. Hardy
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Joseph G. Murray
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. Todd E. Kiser

STAFF PRESENT: Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst
Rachel Error, Committee Secretary

Chair Bush called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst, discussed the 2% reduction in general fund revenue for all departments. This is a number suggested by Executive Appropriations Co-Chairs. The Subcommittee Co-Chairs prefer that the Utah National Guard be exempted from this reduction.

The Analyst presented proposed reductions to the Department of Environmental Quality. The first option would be to eliminate the x-ray inspection program. The second option would be to eliminate parts of the air quality monitoring program. Both would net approximately \$250,000 of general fund money.

Dianne Nielson, Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, expressed concern regarding the budget cuts. She discussed the impact that eliminating either program would have. Ms. Nielson, assisted by Brent Bradford, Deputy Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, answered questions and took suggestions from committee members.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to approve the minutes of the Feb. 3, 2003 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to adopt the following intent statements:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds appropriated from the Federal Mineral

Lease Account shall be used for improvement or reconstruction of highways that have been heavily impacted by energy development. It is also the intent of the Legislature that private industries engaged in developing the State's natural resources be encouraged to participate in the construction of highways leading to their facilities.

It is the intent of the Legislature that local governments use their mineral lease funds to improve the most heavily impacted highways in their jurisdiction.

The funds appropriated for improvement or reconstruction of energy impacted highways are nonlapsing.

The motion passed unanimously.

Department of Transportation - Support Services

The Analyst discussed the budget recommendations for the Support Services division of the Department of Transportation. The recommended budget for FY04 is \$24,652,800. This is a \$532,700 reduction from FY03. It is recommended that \$532,700 from the General Fund be transferred to the Department of Public Safety's appropriation in FY04 for their share of the operations and maintenance of the Calvin Rampton complex.

An appropriation of \$2,097,400 with 15 FTE positions is recommended for the Administrative Services budget.

The Analyst recommends a Loss Management budget of \$2,942,300 for FY04. This includes funding for 5 FTEs. The Loss Management function was organized to help protect the Department from potential liability suits due to mishaps.

An appropriation of \$886,900 is recommended for FY04 for operation and maintenance at the Calvin L. Rampton Complex. This is a reduction of \$532,700 from FY03.

The Human Resource Management budget for FY04 is \$1,065,600 with a complement of 12 FTEs.

An appropriation of \$896,800 is recommended for FY04 for the procurement budget. The appropriation is to fund 17 FTE positions and all operating costs associated with this program.

The Analyst is recommending a FY04 budget of \$7,647,300 for Data Processing with a complement of 54 FTEs.

It is recommended that \$2,598,200 be appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Comptroller's Office of the Department of Transportation for FY04. The recommended

appropriation is to fund 35 FTE positions and all the operating costs associated with this office.

An appropriation of \$618,100 with a complement of 9 FTEs is recommended in FY04 for The Office of Internal Audit.

The Analyst recommends a budget of \$507,700 for FY04 funded from the Transportation Funds. This includes funding for 5 FTE positions. Other major expenditures in this area are for communication services and printing expenses of the Utah Highway map.

The Port of Entry program and Motor Carriers program budget recommendation is \$5,391,900 for FY04. This includes salaries and benefits of 100 FTEs.

John Njord, Executive Director of the Department of Transportation responded to the Analyst's recommendations and answered questions from committee members. He was assisted by Carlos Braceras, Department Director of the Department of Transportation.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved that the committee tentatively recommend \$24,652,800 for the Department of Transportation - Support Services for FY04. The motion passed unanimously.

Department of Transportation - Equipment Management

The Equipment Management program of the Department of Transportation is organized into three primary programs: Maintenance Planning, Equipment Purchases, and Central Repair Shops. The recommended budget for FY04 is \$17,697,400 with a complement of 109 FTEs.

The Maintenance Planning budget for FY04 is recommended at \$1,045,000 with a complement of 15 FTE positions.

The Analyst's recommendation for the Shops budget for FY04 is \$9,162,200 from dedicated credits with a complement of 94 FTEs. The Central Repair Shops carry out a program of preventive maintenance and repair for all department-owned vehicles, trucks and maintenance equipment.

The Analyst recommends a FY04 appropriation of \$7,490,200 for the purchase of road building and maintenance equipment. Included in this is an appropriation of \$90,800 to fund the 800 Megahertz communications system. This appropriation will be used as current expense to pay for monthly user fees. Anticipated purchases, estimated at \$6,501,800, for road equipment were discussed.

The Analyst responded to questions from committee members.

Mr. Njord, assisted by Mr. Braceras, responded to the Analyst's recommendations and answered questions from committee members.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved that the committee tentatively recommend \$17,697,400 for the Department of Transportation - Equipment Management for FY04. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Eastman absent for the vote.

Chair Bush adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Sen. Dan Eastman, Co-Chair

Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair